

REMARKS

The claims in the application are 1-5 and 7-25.

Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The present amendment is being made in accordance with a telephone interview between the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application at the Patent and Trademark Office and undersigned attorney on Wednesday, February 13, 2008. The courtesy extended by the Examiner in arranging for and conducting the telephone interview, is greatly appreciated.

Independent Claim 1 has been amended as presented for discussion and further revised during the telephone interview (please see continuation sheet of Interview Summary PTOL-413). More specifically, as stated on the continuation sheet of Interview Summary PTOL-413, the amendment to independent Claim 1 overcomes the prior art rejection of U.S. Pat. No. 4,961,316 to Corke et al in view of U.S. Pat. No. 3,903,698 to Gellatly. Additionally, recitation of the "passive valve" in parentheses and single valve 15 positioned adjacent hydraulic means 1 has been deleted from Claim 1, and with recitation "therebetween" changed to – between said single valve 15 and hydraulic means 1– , also in accordance with the continuation sheet of Interview Summary PTOL-413 (reference is being made to preferred embodiments of the present invention illustrated in the drawings of the present application).

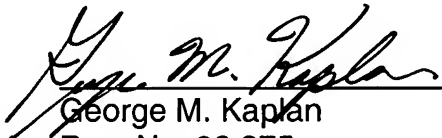
Claim 6 has been canceled and Claims 7, 8 and 10 amended to eliminate the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, raised in the Final Office Action.

The potential double patenting rejection of Claims 24 and 25 raised on page 2 of the Final Office Action has been noted and will be addressed upon resolution of all other outstanding issues in the above-identified application (it is respectfully requested the undersigned attorney be contacted should this potential double patenting rejection be the only remaining issue).

Accordingly, in view of the forgoing amendment, accompanying remarks and telephone interview, it is respectfully submitted all claims pending in the above-identified application are in condition for allowance. Please contact the undersigned attorney should there be any questions. The requisite RCE transmittal papers and filing fee are also enclosed.

Early favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,


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